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THREE CHARLOTTE AREA PLAYERS SHARE \$1 MILLION "CASH SPECTACULAR" PRIZE

-Powerball Jackpot Rolls to \$173 Million!-

Winning Powerball Tickets Sold in Iredell, McDowell, Orange and Rowan Counties-

RALEIGH-Three co-workers from the **Charlotte** area are sharing \$1 million, thanks to having bought a winning "\$100 Million Cash Spectacular" ticket. Deborah Chapman from **Cornelius**, Stephen Legall from **Charlotte**, and Doyt Schooley from **Huntersville** went in together on the \$10 ticket.

Chapman purchased the ticket for the group at the Food Lion on North Main Street in Cornelius. When Chapman realized she had a winning ticket, she told Schooley who then called Legall to share the big news. They all said they were in a state of shock and disbelief when they realized they'd won the top prize.

The Powerball jackpot continues to rise as no one has matched all five white balls plus the Powerball to win the top prize. The jackpot for the Wednesday, March 5, drawing is an estimated \$173 million! The last big jackpot, which was worth \$97 million, was won on January 16 in Louisiana.

Four players in the Saturday, March 1, Powerball drawing matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball, winning prizes from \$10,000 to \$40,000. Thomas Hollifield of **Marion** Power Played his ticket, which increased the \$10,000 prize to \$40,000 since the multiplier for the drawing was 4. He purchased his ticket at the Riverside Convenience Store on Highway 70 West in Marion.

Two other players Power Played and have winning tickets worth \$40,000 each. These tickets were sold at the Quick Stop Convenience Store on Ridge Avenue in **Kannapolis** and at Food Lion on North Main Street in **Mooreville**. One Powerball ticket worth \$10,000 was sold at the Hillsborough #305 on N.C. 86 S at I-85 in **Hillsborough**. A total of 69,310 Powerball players won prizes in the Saturday drawing, ranging from \$40,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$731,526.

The lucky game for Jerry Gaines of **Kings Mountain** is "Carolina Cash 5." He picked the five winning numbers in the Feb. 25 drawing and won \$152,867. Gains said he didn't realize he'd won until he heard someone say that the winning ticket was purchased in Kings Mountain. He then checked the NCEL Web site and his "mouth dropped open."

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The NCEL has paid out more than \$7.2 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Thursday, Feb. 28. Also since Thursday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won nearly \$130,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$995,000 in prizes.

Winner in the Feb. 25 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Jerry Gaines	Kings Mountain	\$152,867	SFM Stores 212 West King St., Kings Mountain

Winner in the Feb. 27 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Diane O'Connor	Garner	\$76,609	Sheetz 380 1237 S. Mebane Oaks Rd., Mebane

Winners in the March 1 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Thomas Hollifield	Marion	\$40,000	Riverside Convenience Store 1247 Hwy. 70 West, Marion

Unknown		\$40,000	Quick Stop Convenience Store 1404 N. Ridge Ave., Kannapolis
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Unknown		\$40,000	Food Lion #812 971 N. Main St., Mooresville
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Unknown		\$10,000	Hillsborough #305 1811 N.C. 86 S at I-85, Hillsborough
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Winner in the Feb. 27 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Judith Weber	Charlotte	\$10,000	Food Lion #1080 9021 Albemarle Rd., Charlotte

Winner in the Feb. 2 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Johnny Pompey	Durham	\$10,000	Cruizers #21 3578 Hillsborough Rd., Durham

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Group of 3 Players (Shared)		\$1,000,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
-Deborah Chapman	Cornelius		
-Stephen Legall	Charlotte		
-Doyt Schooley	Huntersville		
Joseph Pressley	Bessmer City	\$77,777	"Emerald Green 7's"
Sharon Suarez	Greensboro	\$75,000	"Red Hot Bingo"
Samuel Cubberley	New Bern	\$10,000	"Super Gold"
Evelyn Ellis	Fountain	\$10,000	"Super Gold"
Silas Huskey Jr.	Shelby	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Terry Smith Jr.	Laurel Hill	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Carol Bennett	Harrisburg	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Christopher Brown	Greenville	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Edith Buchanan	Ferrell, PA	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Michael Campbell	Harmony	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Donella Dzengeleski	Nashville	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Johnnie Hawkins	Oxford	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Joshua Shoe	Burlington	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Joseph Tucker	Canton	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Candice Walsh	Connely Springs	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Benjamin Wittmann	Matthews	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"

"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	107

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$1 Million - \$200,000	93
\$50,000 - \$10,000	543

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and college scholarships for need-based individuals.